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THE SAFE
ARRIVALL
OF CHRISTIAN
DVKE OF BRUNSWICK
Vnto the KING of
BOHEMIA, and the
Vniting of their
FORCES.

WITH
A PARTICULAR
REHERSALL OF DIVERS
Notable Passages and Accidents,
as well after as before the Battaile
betwixt the aforesaid
DVKE and the
IMPERIALS.

LIKEWISE
Relating the further intents and designes
of both parties; With many other speciall Oc-
currences.

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To the Christian Reader.



ENTLE READER;

The old Proverbe that sayth, That the false report runnes swift, but that the Truth some overtakes it, is within these few dayes most manifestly

verified and found to be true by vs. Who doth not know that lately divers speeches, relations, and letters haue beene spread abroad concerning the great pretended overthrow given by Monsieur Tilley vnto the Duke of Brunswicke, some making mention of 2000. horse, and 3000. foote slaine; other of some few more or lesse. But how they haue beene mistaken, or otherwise wilfully invented, to make the true embracers of the Gospell to grieve and lament, this following Newes sent from divers places, by men that haue beene eye witnesses, and most exact and curious in all their former advises, shall declare it. So that we may answere them very well with Horace.

Parturient montes nascetur ridiculus mus,
the mountains thought to beare, engendred but a mouse.

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Wherefore without driving you off with long Preambles, we will come to the matter. But first of all, I thinke it not inconvenient for this place, for your better vnderstanding to let you know, how that the Duke of Brunswick being advised, that the Baron Tilley, Generall for the Duke of Bavaria, did from all parts bee could renforce his Armie, to set vpon the King of Bohemia, and the Count of Mansfeild. The sayd Duke thought it very necessarie for the service of the King of Bohemia, to leaue Westphalia (having first provided the principall places taken by him, with good garrisons and all things necessarie to keepe them safe) and to bring his remainder forces into the Palatinate, to ioyne them with the other of his Maiestie. Whereupon he departed from thence with his Armie, consisting in 8000. horse, & 10000. foot, and after diuers skirmishes wherein he had continually the better hand, he arrived safe in a short time at Nidda but 4. leagues from Franckfort in the Countrey of the Landt-graue of Hessen. And from thence hee went to take Hoest, where about hee was encountred by his enemies, as you may see heere at large, with many speciall and particular circumstances worthy of consideration. And so leaving you to the reading, I will pray God for the good successe of the King of Bohemia and all his Adherents.

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The first, from Franckford, 25. of Iune.



Thursday last, being the 16. of this Moneth, the Towne of *Hoeft*, was summoned by the forces of the Duke of *Brunswicke*, but they defending themselves brauely, did great hurt with their shot in the campe of the sayd Duke. But being summoned the third time, and denying to surrender the Towne, there were appointed braue troupes to take it by force, which the besieged espying, and that there was no succour at hand, they were constrained to abandon the Towne and Castle, flying all that could ouer the Riuer of *Maine*: whereupon the Forces of *Brunswick*, tooke it, and slue all the enemies Souldiers they mett withall: and found there the provisiō gathered, and made by the Spanish Commissioners, viz. 1000. measures of meale, 500. Wagons loaden with hay, corne and oates: and 600. tunn of Wine, & 100. barrels with gund-powder: But I belecue they did not looke so soone for the Dukes comming, and much

lesse, that he should haue gotten it so suddenly. The Duke of *Brunswicke* being afterwards vpon the Castle of *Hoeft*, and hearing that Monsieur *Tilly* and *Gonsales* ioyned their forces together, and marched to him ouer the River of *Maine* at *Aschburgh*, being 30000. strong, or rather more as was reported, he provided himselfe in the meantime, the best he could to resist them, looking for advantage of ground, and intrenched himselfe, and burned many villages, belonging to the Bishop of *Ments*, by which the enemy might annoy him. hee sent for ayde likewise to the Count of *Mansfeild* declaring his estate, and what he minded to doe, and resolved for his passage, or his owne retreat if hee were driven to it, to make a Bridge ouer the *Maine*. Whereupon he sent presētly to the Duke, 60. troupes of horse, with intentiō to follow himselfe immediately with the rest of his Forces.

Also the *Bavarians* forces, then being in a readinesse to hinder the attempts of the Duke of *Brunswick*: it is thought that the endeavours of the English Ambassadour here, & the Commission at *Brussels*, would haue put a barre betweene them. We

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The Second from Francfort, the 29. of Iune.

WE want time here to writt at large of all the passes in those partes, being almost every day compelled to stand with our Armour on the backe, and armes in the handes, seeing that both Armies do swarme heere round about. The Duke of *Brunswicke* hauing lately taken in *Hoeft* and *Vesel*, and burned thereabout all the villages belonging to the Bishopricke of *Ments*, and lying at *Hoeft* hath built a bridge vpon the riuer *Maine*, and cast vp a halfe Moone there, and made choise of a place for great aduantage, his Souldiers were most all exceeding braue men, and two or three troupes of his horse meeting the 8. of Iune, with some of the vanguard of the *Crabats* or *Imperiall* horse-men, haue fought most valliantly with them, and slaine a great number, taking also diuers prisoners, and a cornet or colour of the same, and came to lodge by our walles and gates of this Citty.

But yester-day in the afternoone, some
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of the *Bauarian* vantguard comming downe the riuer of *Maine*, did take neere our gate towards *Friburgh*, some horses (that were tyed vwith their bridles at the hedges about this Citty) belonging vnto some horsemen of the Duke of *Brunswick*, and led them away, vwhereby vve perceiued that they vvere *Bauarians*.

Don Corduas forces are ioyned vwith *Mounfier Tillies*, vwherefore it is thought that they vvill come shortly to giue battell : the sentinells of *Brunswicks* campe come as farre as the *Bockenheyner* Tower, neere to this Cittie of *Franck-fort*, the *Bauarians* extend their campe from the little bridge, vnto *Fisherfielt*, in *Summa* it is here all full of souldiers, so that we must keepe a strong watch continually. ? Yesterday some of *Brunswicks* forces incountring certaine *Bauarian* companies, haue quite defeated three of them. Thus we haue both these mighty armies round about vs, God graunt they may be gone once ; that is a verie lamentable and pittifull spectacle to see the great violence of burning

ing of Townes and villages, now three, now five at a time, the other night were 9 villages scene burning at once; It seemeth that the Duke of *Brunswicke* intends to burne all what belongs vnto the Bishopricke of *Ments*.

The *Bauarians* are come downe to encounter with the Duke,, and it is likely they will beat it within this 24. houres next following, seeing they lye but a halfe league one from another.

The Duke of *Brunswickes* armie lyes about *Vessell*, *Kronbergen*, and this towne, and ioynes most vnto the watching towers of *Franckford*, and downewards bordered most vpon *Eassell* and *Ments*. The *Bauarians* campe lyeth neere *Aschenburgh*, along the riuer of *Mayne*, about *Bornum*, and *Fisherfielt*, and neere the wood toward *Hanaw*, so that their sentinells can reach one another with their muskets, euery one doth much long to see the issue.

The speech goes heere that the peace of *Hungaria* is concluded, but I thinke it is as true, as the newes written from *Collen* vn-

to some of their friends heere amongst vs, relating that *Mansfield* was over throwne, and 6000. of his men slaine, and many other matters like vnto these, whereas the truth is that their enemies after they had slaine some few of the rereguard, and gotten certaine baggage, and did persue *Mansfield* couragiously, vntill *Obertrount* turning himselfe, did set vpon them most valiantly, and slew many of them to their great confusion, some flying towards *Darmstat*, and some towards *Franckford*, and others hether and thether scattered by the wayes. This is the victorie which was so confidently reported by many, but they held their peace soone when the true newes came heere. And for as much as concerneth the peace of *Hungaria*, I hold firmly that the same is yet to be fought in the fields. Touching the victorie before *Hagenaw*, I haue written of here afore, and also concerning the proceedings against the *Lants-graue* of *Darmstate* and his Country, he himselfe is yet at *Manheim* as prisoner with his sonne, his Country being wholly ruined.

At this same instant I being writing at
 our watch place of this Citie, we saw two
 terrible fires rise with feardfull flames, and
 as we take it, *Oueruessell* and *Nederuessell*
 are set on fire. The *Bauarians* having re-
 quested the Duke of *Brunswick*, to con-
 clude a Trewes for one Month, he had de-
 nyed the same, commanding presently two
 of the next Villages of the Bishop of *Ments*
 to be fyred, sending the Trumpeter instant-
 ly away. It is a miserable and pittifull thing
 here in this Citie, to be spectators of the
 miseries and devastations of the Countrey
 hereabouts. I wrott vnto you about a se-
 ven night agoe, of the arriual of the Duke
 of *Brunswick*, but since it happened, that vp-
 pon *Witson Munday* being the 10. of Iune,
 the *Bauarian* army came nere to the Duk
 of *Brunswicks* camp, hard by *Hoeft*, where
 he kept himselfe in field, hauing finished
 his bridge that same day, the *Bauarian* also
 that day about 10. of the clocke ranged
 themselves in order of battaile, hauing a
 mountaine to their advantage, *Brunswicke*
 likewise being vpon an hill, their foote be-

gan to skirmish in the morning, the horse standing still, and their Ordnance played one vpon another, the *Bauarians* had 18 peeces, *Brunswicke* but three, whereof one brake in peeces at the beginuing, the other at the first shott was found to be nayled, so that he had but one Peece to serue him; his horse marching one aftewards with a Regiment of foote, perceiued the *Bauarians* artillery so hote, that the Duk of *Brunswick*, who neuer before did retire at his enemyes approach; was forced to drawe backe his forces, and first of all as soone as the bridg was ready, he caused his waggons with money and other with ammonution, and his best prouision and moueables; to passe ouer, they of the campe seeing the Duke turne backe with some of his horse, stood for a while in the enemyes face, shotting continually at them: but to smale effect, and after the passing ouer of the waggons aford sayd, diuers of his forces made great hast to the Bridge, and whereas from the flat field to *Hoeft*, there lyeth a narrow way close by a small currant water, the *Bauarians*

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neither Horse nor foote could followe them so quickly, as they might haue done otherwise, but at last the Regiment which stayed the enemies, accompanied with some horse, turning at a suddaine their backes, tooke the flight, which caused such a terrour in the foremost, that they did thrust one another from the bridge in the riuer of *Mayne*, whereby diuers were drowned. The Horse at the other side of the water perceiuing this, were much terrified, thinking that the enemy came ouer the riuer retyred in great disorder, taking euery one a bagge or two of the money with him, the which was transported by the waggons aforesaid, and couered all the fields frō *Swannony*, to the gate of *Sayenhausen*, which was lamentable to behold. The Dukes Horse swamme with himselfe ouer the *Mayne*. The enemy pursuing them recouered the Towne of *Hoeft*, but not the Castle, and durst not set ouer the riuer fearing that Count *Mansfield*, or some Arriereguard was attending vpon them at the other side, but whatsoever

euery the occasion hath beene *Mansfield* was not there, nor any *Arrieregward* layd in waite. So that likely if they had come ouer at the first, they might haue wrought great mischeife amongst the Dukes dispersed forces.

The *Bauarians* report here, that if the Duke of *Brunswicke* hath had but Ordinance sufficient for his Campe, they had beene in great daunger to loose the Field. Wee haue many of his men comming to our gates. In this skirmishing or battayling (if you will) haue beene slayne on each side , about three hundreth men, but it is creedibly reported, that as many or more of the forces of the Duke of *Brunswicks* were drowned in the water, and killed in the corne.

It was a lamentable spectacle, to behold such comely and braue men, standing at our Gates in the night time, praying and beseeching vs for Gods sake to be receiued into this Cittie, some hiding themselues in the gardens heere about,
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but most of them were killed within the space of two dayes by the *Bauarian* horse: they were in generall so well stored with Dollers and money, that many of them thereby were ouerthrowne and perished, and those that were not slain by the souldiers, were killed without any mercy or commiseration, by the Peasants. Our city and hospitals are full of wounded men: yesterday 200. of them that were fled here & daring not go from hence as yet, tooke pay of this city.

The *Bauarians* after their skirmish with *Brunswicke*, hauing put his forces to the flight, went the next day back againe, & marching at *Strunheim* ouer the bridge, some returned to *Oppenheim*, and other to other places, where they were enquartered or in garrison, hauing left our fields wasted, and our growing corne spoyled.

The speech goeth here that *Mansfield* & *Leopoldus* encountring againe the same day, *Leopoldus* had lost eight peeces of Ordinance, besides 800 men: which being true, *Brunswickes* losse is very well recovered.

The *Bauarian* army was mighty and strong, consisting in 150. troopes of horse besides the good foot, the whole army amounting to 30000. at least. I haue scene my selfe with mine eyes 127. troopes of his horse, but they were not as big as the Dukes, whose 80. troopes by guesse contained as many men as 120 of theirs.

We haue scene 8. companies of foote of the *Bauarians* marching close to the walls of this citty in battaile array, taking their way towards *Hoest*, the same night the Ordnance was planted to play vpon their enemies.

Thus both these Armies haue met, the Dukes campe beeing scattred in one day. But he did wisely to retreat, being no better prouided of Ordnance, al his forces otherwise had beene brought vpon the slaughter banke. Hee himselfe is now at *Mainhem* with the king of *Bohemia*, where, & at *Frankendall* hauing already gathered together 6000. horse & 8000. foot of his, the countreyes hereabout are mightily spoyled, and the victuals spent, so that no prouision is neere at hand, and it is greatly to be maruelled how these mighty and
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great armies can maintaine themselves. We are here in great distresse and perplexitie: to the one party we doe not enough, to the other (as they thinke) we doe too much, & each party would faine reuenge himselfe of vs; wee feare much an assault (which I hope) God wil preuent. The Imperials are much encouraged since this aforesayde attempt against the Duke of *Brunswicke*. Our Magistrate hath giuen them vpon one day great store of wine besides 2000. loafes, and yet it giues them but small content. Here is euery thing extreame deere, and will be dayly more and more, because almost all the cattle, flesh & meate is consumed and deuoured, and many villages in the countries hereabout burned and turned to ashes: to bee short, here is nothing but misery vpon misery, and who is so hard and inflexible, that should not bee moued to pittie and compassion, seeing many now constrained to beg in the streets, that were heretofore vsed to helpe others. God forgiue him that could well helpe his neighbour without any hinderance or hurt vnto himselfe, but would not. The

The *Bauarians* haue reported here, that they intend shortly to inuade the country of the *Lantgraue* of *Hessen*, because he hath assisted the duke of *Brunswicke* with 2000 horse and as many foote. Likewise on the other side, those that came from *Heidelberg* bring newes, that the Count *Mansfield* intends shortly with great forces to besiege *Oppenheim*.

We haue here gotten newes lately from *Wirtzburg*, that 6000 horse of *Croatia* were arriued at *Milteburgh* in the land of *Wirtzburg*, but the *German* make no account of them, neither the Emperours forces themselves, because they keepe not their ground in their fights.

The Lord of *Mughtendall*, Commissioner for the *Bauarians*, hath requested the Magistrates of this city, that they would dismisse those from thence that were fled from the campe of the Duke of *Brunswicke* thither. But they haue returned him this answer, that their city is a city of trafficke, and the citizens of the same dealing in all parts, they thought it not conuenient for the to do so. Neuertheles to giue him some
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better contentment, they haue made a decree, and published the same, declaring that all the souldiers that fled hither shall retire from hence, and all those that will within the space of thres moneths not serue against the Emperour, or the obedient States, shall get passports, hauing giuen first caution in this city, not to endamage any of the aforesaid : but the other that will returne vnto the Duke of Brunswicke, shall be dismissed at their owne perill and venture.

Francfort the 29. of Iune.

Now courteous Reader, hauing heard the truth of the matter, moderate your grieffe, and doe not discourage a young brane warrior, by lamenting for some small losse by him sustained, seeing also that commonly the issues of Battailles and Warlike Actions are variable and inconstant, and that many times it happeneth, that those that the one day haue the worst, the next day haue the better hand.

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*wherefore let vs trust in God, hoping for better
successe, firmly beleeuing, that hee neuer will forsake
his Church or Champions; and follow the Lesson of
the Poet, saying:*

Nemo confidat nimium secundis
Nemo desperet meliora lapsus:

*Let no man trust too much in his prosperitie,
Nor too much despaire in his great aduersitie.*

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